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CARVAJAL AS REPORTED BY "EL MERCURIO"

1. "REVELATIONS CONCERNING VANCE/CARVAJAL MEETING" FRONT-PAGED BY SANTIAGO'S JUNE 18 "EL MERCURIO" IN EXCLUSIVE STORY BY LUIS MARTINEZ FROM GRENADA. FOLLOWING IS UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION:

2. QUOTE GRENADA 17. A FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN REVEALED TO THE CHILEAN DELEGATION DETAILS OF THE MEETING BETWEEN FOREIGN MINISTER CARVAJAL AND SECRETARY VANCE. THE MEETING WAS AT THE SECRETARY'S INVITATION AND HELD IN HIS SUITE. CARVAJAL, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS PRINCIPAL ADVISERS, WAS GREETED BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN AND, SHORTLY THEREAFTER, BY THE SECRETARY. TODMAN AND ANOTHER US OFFICIAL RETIRED LEAVING THE CHILEAN DELEGATION WITH VANCE, A STENOGRAPHER AND INTERPRETER. THE SECRETARY, READING FROM A NOTE IN HIS HAND, SET FORTH THE FOLLOWING CONCERNS ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE:

-- RETURN OF "DUE PROCESS", I.E., NORMAL FUNCTIONING OF THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM CIVILIAN (ORDINARIA) SUCH AS HABEAS CORPUS,
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APPEALS, SUPREME COURT, ETC.

-- CONTINUATION OF THE STATE OF SEIGE, CONSIDERED TOO LONG IN EFFECT;

-- CONDUCT OF THE NATIONAL INFORMATION SERVICES (SIC), REFERRING TO DINA; DISAPPEARANCES.

CARVAJAL RESPONDED THAT US SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT TERRORISM IS NOT CAUSED BY HUNGER, SOCIAL INJUSTICE, OR INDIFFERENT GOVERNMENT. "TERRORISM IN CHILE", SAID THE MINISTER, "IS DIRECTLY IMPORTED AND FED BY THE SOVIET UNION." HE ADDED THAT DETENTE, EVEN IF IT REDUCES THE THREAT OF NUCLEAR WAR, GIVES RUSSIA A FREE HAND TO ATTACK CHILE. HE ADDED THAT IF ONE REALLY WANTED TO DEFEND HUMAN RIGHTS, PROTECTING PEOPLE FROM TERRORISTS WAS THE FIRST STEP.

VANCE REPLIED THAT COUNTER-TERRORISM WAS AN UNACCEPTABLE RESPONSE TO TERRORISM. CARVAJAL THEN LET AMBASSADOR DIEZ BRIEFLY EXPLAIN TO VANCE THE CHILEAN HUMAN RIGHTS SCENE. DIEZ SAID THAT IN SPITE OF THE STATE OF SEIGE, THE GOC HAS EXERCIZED ENORMOUS PRUDENCE IN ITS APPLICATION, CITING THE FACT THAT ONLY ONE PERSON IS BEING HELD IN PREVENTIVE DETENTION. CHILE IS NOT USING ANY OTHER AUTHORIZED MEASURES BECAUSE OF THIS CAUTION, HE SAID. HE SAID THAT MILITARY COURTS WERE REQUIRED TO HEAR CERTAIN TYPES OF CASES, BUT THAT APPEALS COULD BE ENTERTAINED IN THE REGULAR COURTS, UP TO THE SUPREME COURT (EMBASSY COMMENT: NOT QUITE TRUE). REGARDING THE DISAPPEARED, DIEZ TOLD THE SECRETARY THAT CHILE HAD BEEN FORTHCOMING IN REPLYING TO A LIST OF 800 NAMES SUBMITTED BY THE RED CROSS, AND PROVED THAT SOME OF THOSE ON THE LIST HAD NEVER DISAPPEARED, OTHERS WENT UNDERGROUND, OTHERS ASSUMED FALSE IDENTITIES IN CHILE OR ABROAD, AND OTHERS DIED IN COMBAT AFTER THE COUP. HE NOTED THAT THE FIRST RIGHT OF MANKIND IS THE RIGHT TO LIFE, THREATENED BY TERRORISM. CARVAJAL THEN REMINDED THE SECRETARY OF ANDREW YOUNG'S ADMISSION BEFORE THE UN THAT RACISM CONTINUED TO BE A REAL PROBLEM IN THE US EVEN THOUGH THE GOVERNMENT DID NOT APPROVE. IN CHILE, SAID CARVAJAL, WE ALSO HAVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROBLEMS OF WHICH THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT APPROVE, SUCH AS TERRORISM. IN THE U.S., HE SAID, THE MAFIA CAUSES WIDESPREAD HARM THROUGH DRUGS, PROSTITUTION, BLACKMAIL, MURDER AND KIDNAPPING. THE US WANTS TO ELIMINATE THE MAFIA, BUT MANY ADMINISTRATIONS HAVE FAILED TO DO SO.

VANCE REPLIED THAT THE US HAS OFFICIALLY EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO RECEIVE THE IAHRC AT ANYTIME.

CARVAJAL ANSWERED THAT WHEN THE U.S. WOULD BE THE SECOND COUNTRY IN THE WORLD TO DO SO, FOLLOWING CHILE WHICH SO FAR IS THE SOLE EXAMPLE.

THIS HOW THE INTERVIEW ENDED, SAID THE SPOKESMAN. UNQUOTE.

3. COMMENT: THIS STORY LOOKS LIKE THE GOC'S REPORTING CABLE ON THE VANCE/CARVAJAL MEETING. EITHER SOMEONE MADE A SERIOUS MISTAKE OR THE APPEARANCE OF A DETAILED ACCOUNT OF WHAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN A PRIVATE AND SENSITIVE CONVERSATION WAS INSPIRED.

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